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1. The armored battalion at Solt is established in a barracks completed in 1952 at the very edge of town on the road leading to the Dunafoldvar bridge.
2. The battalion consists of a staff, 40 men; 1st Armored Company, 90 men; 2nd Armored Company, 90 men; reconnaissance platoon 30 men; support platoon, 40 men. Each company has nine T-34/85 tanks, and the reconnaissance company has six armored cars. The auto park consists of four passenger cars, three jeeps, 22 Gsepel 3-ton trucks, four tank trucks, one radio car, two shop cars, one tank recovery vehicle.
3. One result of the rapid motorization of the Hungarian Army has been a shortage of drivers, who have been trained in rapid two-month courses. Such a course was given by the armored battalion in question from 1 May to 30 June 53 at Meleg Hegy, north of Solt, with 30 reversists taking part, mostly from the classes of 1925 and 1926. Sixty percent of them came from West Hungary, the remainder from Budapest and its neighborhood.

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Enclosure (A): Sketch of military installations in Solt, Hungary.

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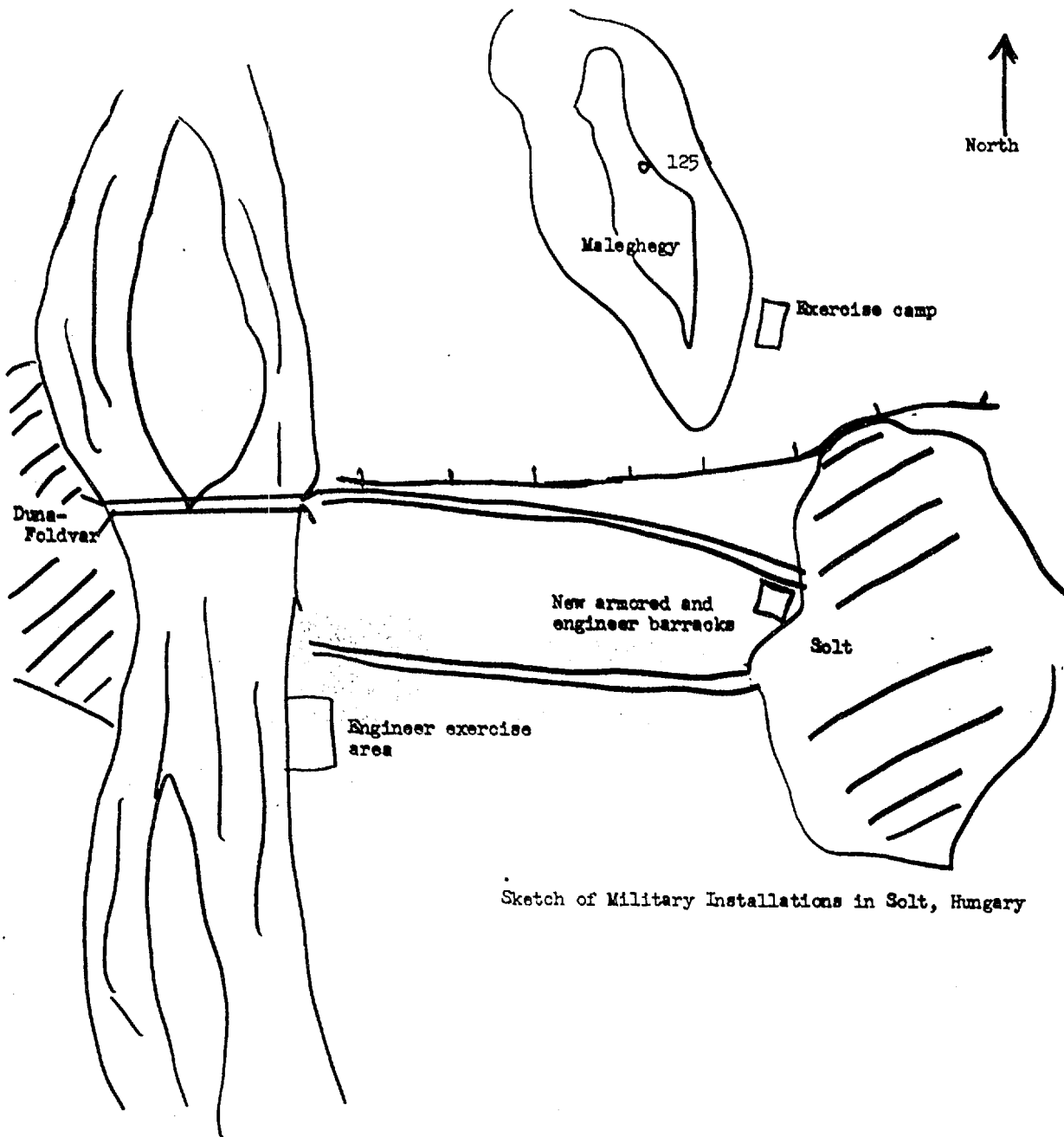
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